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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. Between 10 May and 4 June 1953, the Moltke Kaserne in Schwerin was occupied as previously by 1,500 to 2,000 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with tank insignia. On 16 May, two T-43 tanks left the installation and, on 20 May, two T-43 tanks occupied by each 5 to 7 soldiers left the installation toward Hagenow. 25X1

2. From 10 May to 4 June, the Krueger Kaserne was occupied as previously by 1,200 to 2,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery insignia. On 12 May, prime movers with each towing a canvas-covered gun with a short barrel and occupied by each 14 soldiers were seen leaving the installation. On 13 May, prime movers each towing a canvas-covered gun with a short barrel and each occupied by 12 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were observed. Prime movers towing guns were seen entering the installation. 25X1 25X1 25X1

3. Between 10 May and 4 June, the Fritsch Kaserne was occupied. Prior to 25 May, the occupation of the installation included a unit of troops wearing blue-bordered black epaulets. Officers and troops wearing blue-bordered black epaulets were no longer seen after 26 May. the unit had left. About 50 percent of the troops observed wore red-bordered black epaulets and 50 percent black-bordered crimson epaulets. Individual officers seen wore red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia. On 30 May, M-31 rocket launchers were seen near the barracks entrance. Each gun mounted ten soldiers. 25X1 25X1 25X1

Intensive motor vehicle traffic was observed on the Schwerin-Hagenow road during the period under review. Trucks observed included:

24 May. Trucks

each occupied by 15

to 20 soldiers.

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26 May. At 2:50 p.m., trucks

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[redacted] each occupied by 18 to 20 soldiers proceeding toward Hagenow. 25X1

29 May. At 10:10 a.m., trucks [redacted] each occupied by 10 to 14 soldiers proceeding toward Schwerin.

2 June. At 10:25 a.m., trucks [redacted] each occupied by 15 to 20 soldiers proceeding toward Schwerin.  
4 June. At 1 p.m., trucks [redacted] proceeding toward Schwerin.  
The trucks were seen in a column which also included 12 M-31 rocket launchers

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4. At 4 p.m., on 1 June, 26 rocket launchers left the Hindenburg Kaserne toward Ludwigslust Strasse and, at 2:30 p.m. on 2 June, four rocket launchers [redacted] were seen en route toward the installation.<sup>1</sup>

1. Comment. The information does not indicate a change in the occupation of the Moltke-Krueger Kaserne and the Hindenburg Kaserne prior to early June [redacted]

Contrary to this information [redacted] the 74th (Hv ?) Tank Regt of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div stationed in the Moltke-Krueger Kaserne had left for a 6-week exercise in the Ludwigslust area after 17 May. The 159th Gds Sig Bn of the division carried in the Fritsch Kaserne possibly participated in exercises outside of the post after 26 May. The rocket launchers observed near the Fritsch Kaserne and on the Schwerin-Hagenow road are fairly definitely believed to belong to the 10th Gds RL Regt of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps stationed in the Hindenburg Kaserne 25X1

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